

David Behaved Himself Wisely

1 Samuel 18:1-9

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Knit. *chained.* One in mind and heart.

Loved him as his own soul. Work of Divine grace.

How likely was it that David and Jonathan would become best friends?

Why happen?

- Both had strong relationship with Lord.
- Jonathan respected David's faith in God
- Jonathan had experienced blessing and power of God.
- Jonathan had learned to wait on God.
- Both had same purpose and goals.

Getz: The friendship that developed between Jonathan and David was no ordinary friendship. It's true that all the human elements were there—emotion, respect, admiration, commitment—but interweaving these human factors was a divine dimension that made this OT friendship one of the most significant relationships in human history.

1 Sam 18:2-4

Why Jonathan strip himself of robe and give to David? Garments? Sword, bow and girdle?

Eastern culture--highest honor a sovereign could confer upon a subject was to give him part of his attire.

Robe--outward honor

Garments--heart or inward honor.

Armor--military honor.

Jonathan saying to David, *I am yielding to you all the honor that I have.*

Robe—throne

Garments--family heritage.

Sword, bow and girdle--military leadership.

Jonathan--yielding prestige, person and heart to David.

ie. King Ahasuerus Esther 6.6 What shall be done unto the man whom the king delighteth to honour?

Girdle: symbol of strength and power (Job 12:18, 21; 30:11; Isa. 22:21; 45:5).

Soft leather or linen

Hold pieces of the armor together.

Illustration of total giving love.

Special/supernatural love for others

Rom 5:5 1 John 3:14 1 John 4:7 1 John 4:12 1 John 4:16

T. E. McCully, father of Ed McCully, *one of the missionaries slain by Auca Indians in Ecuador, who one night shortly after that experience prayed, "Lord, let me live long enough to see those fellows saved who killed our boys that I may throw my arms around them and tell them I love them because they love my Christ." That is love of the highest kind.*

Kind that will love an enemy.

1 Sam 18:5

Behaved himself wisely: 4 times vv. 5,14,15,30

Behave: To conduct oneself in a specified way. To conduct oneself in a proper way. To act, react, function, or perform in a particular way.

Wisely: to be circumspect and hence intelligent. To give consideration to decisions. To view things from God's point of view. To deal prudently. To be skillful and wise in behaviour Psa 101:2

Wise behaviour: A wise individual will:

Listener and a learner: Prov 1:5

Enjoy knowledge: 2:10

Have discretion: 2:11

Stay away from wrong crowd 2:12

Be creative: 8:12

Have fear of the Lord: 9:10

Plan ahead 10:5

Open to rules and regulations of God's Word. 10:8

Control mouth: 10:19

Wise person--knows how to keep mouth shut. People confide in him. Can be trusted with details of your life...

Be humble: 11:2

Win souls: 11:30

Seek advice: 12:15

Will listen to his father's instruction: 13:1

Fears and departs from evil: 14:16

Knows how to speak knowledge rightly 15:2

Has ear for reproofs of life. 15:31

Not allow the wicked to gain a crowd: 20:26

Learner: 24:5; 21:11

Regardless of how high you and I get in position we must never lose a teachable and pliable spirit. We must never reach a level of pride where we feel we are always right.

Times when best lessons we learn are from our enemies!

Treat all people with the same dignity.

Not partial or prejudice: 24:23

Not blab out all that he knows.

Listen to both sides before speaking 29:11

Wise Behaviour. 1 Cor 13:5 1 Th 2:10 1 Tim 3:15 Titus 2:3

1 Sam 18:5

David over the men of war.

When long absent close friends returned many groups of women and children form a triumphal procession to celebrate their return.

Done when victorious armies return.

Problem: They were not very discrete in the words of their songs.

Praising David more than King Saul.

1 Sam 18:7-8

Saul was very wroth: to burn within.

...and the saying displeased him inner turmoil

Paranoia...extreme fear or distrust of people.

1 Sam 18:9

Saul eyed David—looked upon with suspicion. With animosity, jealousy, with secret and malignant hatred.

Swindoll: *When imagination is fueled by jealousy, suspicion takes over...and at that point, dangerous things occur.*

Hideous effects of Saul's jealousy toward David.

Eventually brings Saul down.

Getz: *The severest form of jealousy normally emerges when the popularity of one person is superseded by the popularity of another. That's exactly what happened in Saul's case. He had been Israel's national hero. When he was anointed king, everyone shouted, "Long live the king!" (10:24). He had been a great warrior.*

David unintentionally killed a giant--people impressed!

Envy shoots at others and wounds herself.

Jealousy is nourished by doubt.

To jealousy, nothing is more frightful than laughter.

A jealous man always finds more than he is looking for.

There is never jealousy where there is not strong regard.

Lots of people know a good thing the minute the other fellow sees it first.

Prov 27:4 1 Cor 3:3

Job 5:2 ...*envy slayeth the silly one*.(silly—deluded, simple, deceived, deluded)

Prov 14:30 Mark 15:10 Gal 5:26